

# SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS BETTER CITIZENS

## The Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative

### MPRI ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

► The State Policy Team (SPT) met on February 24 to discuss the Governor's \$15 million re-entry budget recommendation for FY 06 and recommendations from the Executive Management Team (EMT) for community development and the evaluation of the MPRI. The SPT unanimously approved the recommendations of the EMT.

► Nearly 200 local and state MPRI representatives attended the National Institute of Corrections Evidence Based Practices Training at the Lansing Center on February 25. The MPRI will ensure that all offender programming will be based on the principals of evidence-based practices.



► The plan for statewide implementation of the MPRI Model has been approved by the SPT. Over a three-year period, the entire state will implement the MPRI Model beginning with eight Pilot Sites in 2005. During fiscal year 2006 (October 2005 - September 2006), another six sites will incorporate the lessons learned from the first set of pilot sites for a total of 14 pilot sites in jurisdictions to which 75% of inmates return. During the third year, FY 2007, the remainder of the state will begin implementation.

► The MPRI Model centers on improved decision making at seven critical decision points in three phases: "Getting Ready"—the institutional phase, "Going Home"—the re-entry phase, and "Staying Home"—the community supervision and discharge phase. Workgroups for each of these phases continue to meet monthly to discuss a broad range of implementation issues. Since the SPT meeting, the workgroups have been reviewing the ReEntry Policy Council Report and working from the companion workbook that was developed by the MPRI. As a result, the workgroups will continue to develop recommendations for the MPRI Model.

► The Justice, Equality, Human Dignity and Tolerance Foundation (JEHT) requested, and received from SPT, a proposal to fund Community Coordinators for each of the MPRI pilot sites. Community Coordinators will assist in building the capacity for local sites to fully implement the MPRI Model.

► The Intensive ReEntry Unit at the Cooper Street Correctional Facility accepted its first 129 prisoners on March 21. The unit will house 480 prisoners transitioning to the community and will include four on-site parole agents to work with facility staff. The four-month intensive re-entry program will demonstrate components of the second phase of the MPRI model "Going Home." The unit for female offenders will be opening in late spring at a MDOC female facility.

# IRU

### Coming Events

► Monday, Sept. 19, 2005

National MPRI Conference

Kellogg Center, E. Lansing

Registration: 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Conference Runs: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

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# JEHT

► The Council of State Governments released the Report of the ReEntry Policy Council in February. The report is the product of more than two years of work by key community, state, and national leaders in the prisoner re-entry movement. The 600-page report includes a series of bipartisan policy statements and recommendations that will assist in offenders' successful transition from prison or jail to the community. This document is available at [www.reentrypolicy.org](http://www.reentrypolicy.org).

